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SUBJECT:SOUTHWESTERN STATES CONFERENCE ON CRIME AND THE
BORDER, ALBUQUERQUE, APRIL 5-7

1. SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU DECLINE TO ATTEND
SUBJECT CONFERENCE.
2. YOU WILL RECALL MEMO FROM MS. FALCO INDICATING THAT
SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT HER INVITATION TO
CONFERENCE, AND HER SUGGESTION THAT YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE
FROM ARA ATTEND. DAVE SIMCOX INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE AND
HAS ASKED THE ORGANIZERS FOR TIME TO MAKE A BRIEF ADDRESS.
S/NM HAS NOT DECIDED WHO THEY WILL SEND, IF ANYONE,
ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JOE LINNEMAN OR DICK DUGSTAD
MAY GO.

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3. TOPIC FOR CONFERENCE IS NARCOTICS AND ARMS SMUGGLING
ALTHOUGH HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARDS FORMER. FOCUS IS ON
INTERSTATE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. AGENDA ITEMS AND BACK-UP
MATERIAL PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ANAYA INDICATE THAT
PRINCIPAL, PERHAPS EXCLUSIVE, SUBJECT UNDER INTERNATIONAL
RUBRIC WILL BE EXCHANGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON OFFICERS

BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL STATES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO
AND THE UNITED STATES.

4. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING OTHER
INTERESTED AGENCIES, ALTHOUGH AGENCY-HEAD LEVEL OFFICIALS
HAVE BEEN INVITED. ON THE OTHER HAND, I DO THINK THAT
THE DEPARTMENT OR ARA NEED NECESSARILY USE THAT AS A
CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ITS OWN REPRESENTATION IN THIS
INSTANCE.

5. YOU WILL BE TRAVELING FOR ABOUT A WEEK IN LATE MARCH.
RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON 3/30, WHICH WOULD LEAVE JUST
THREE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR ALBUQUERQUE.
I RECOMMEND THAT YOU NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND THAT
DAVE SIMCOX REPRESENT ARA. S/NM, DEA AND OTHERS CAN
BRIEF HIM ON WHATEVER HE DOES NOT ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE
PROSPECTS FOR LIAISON OFFICER EXCHANGES MENTIONED ABOVE,
AS WELL AS OTHER DRUG ISSUES THAT COULD COME UP.

6. DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO RESPOND ASAP TO MR. ANAYA'S
LETTER AND TELEGRAM TO FALCO THAT ARRIVED 3/14. PLEASE
REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WITH DISTRIBUTION SLUGGED FOR
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